

**MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MULTI-COUNTY MEETING
LANCASTER COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2001
12:30 P.M.**

In Attendance

Lancaster County: Kathy Campbell, Commissioner
Bob Workman, Commissioner
Larry Hudkins, Commissioner
Ray Stevens, Commissioner
Bernie Heier, Commissioner
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Patricia Owen, Deputy County Clerk
Kent Morgan, Planning Department
Mike Dekalb, Planning Department

Cass County: Lou Allgayer, Commissioner
Randy Wilkins, Zoning Administrator

Gage County: Wayne Brinkmeyer, Planning Commission
Dawn Miller, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Saline County: Willis Luedke, Commissioner

Seward County: Ron Minchow, Commissioner
Scott, Stuhr, Planning & Zoning Administrator

Butler County: Irvin Cidlik Jr, Supervisor

A meeting of Lancaster County and surrounding counties was held at the Lancaster County Extension Office for the purposes of discussing Lancaster County's Comprehensive Plan.

The group was welcomed to Lincoln by Lancaster County Commissioner Kathy Campbell. All in attendance introduced themselves.

Kent Morgan, Lancaster City-County Planning Department briefly outlined for the group the process they had been going through over the last year as they attempt to update the Comprehensive Plan. Morgan made references to the following handouts:

- Planning 101-An Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan
- Comprehensive Plan-Scheduling Considerations for the Balance of Planning Process

Morgan indicated that there is a tentative plan for a joint City-County public hearing on the proposed changes for May 2002.

Mike Dekalb with the Lancaster City-County Planning Department spoke to the group and summarized a series of land use maps relating to proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan. Dekalb indicated that the purpose of the meeting was an effort to work with neighboring counties. The outcome, to determine what impacts the comprehensive plan would have on them, and in turn, what impacts their county plans would have on Lancaster County.

Dekalb discussed the issues of density limits and acreage issues. He indicated that one of the issues planning deals with is how to set land uses so that growth for the city is not blocked....where do you place things.

Dekalb referred to a map that indicated land uses for Lancaster County and also incorporated land uses that had been drawn from surrounding county's Comprehensive Plans.

Workman questioned whether the definition for Ag Transition was identical to Ag Residential. Dekalb indicated that they were not the same and explained the differences between the terminologies.

Hudkins requested the other County representatives to briefly discuss their definitions of Ag Transition land use.

Scott Stuhr, Seward County, indicated that they use a ½ mile strip as a buffer zone. They also indicated that in this area it could be used for ag related purposes but would have greater restrictions. They also indicated that they try to follow the city's density in those areas to be more compatible should the city take over the area.

Dawn Miller, Gage County, questioned Dekalb about sizes Lancaster requires for acreage's. Dekalb indicated that we require 20 acres for agriculture and 3 acres to be used as acreage's.

Dekalb discussed the issue of clustering and the requirement for special permits. He indicated that the special permits went before both the Planning Commission and the elected officials.

Additional discussion was held on the subject of densities with Cass County explaining their point system program in determining land use for non-productive agriculture ground.

Wayne Brinkmeyer, Gage County, also expressed his desire that all county's respect each others set back regulations. Dekalb indicated that if Lancaster County zoning issues are within one to two miles of another city or county they attempt to notify the other jurisdiction.

Randy Wilkins, Cass County, stated that he wanted everyone to be aware of the benefits of attending the annual Nebraska Planning and Zoning Association (NPZA) meetings. He indicated that he would appreciate a forum such as today's meeting at that convention.

Lancaster County Commissioner Bob Workman thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting and offering their comments and suggestions. He adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Patricia Owen
Deputy County Clerk